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FAITH

A few days ago Dr. Henry Morgan, of Nashville, a professor in Vanderbilt university, died. He was a great educator and a splendid man. He had done so many wonderfully kind things, had been such an inspiration and such a help to those in need of encouragement, that many beautiful tributes were paid to his memory.

One of the tributes that seemed best to take the measure of the man was written by Corra Harris, whose husband was a teacher in Vanderbilt, and about whom she is said to have written in her remarkable book, "The Circuit Rider's Wife." In her article about Dr. Morgan, printed in the Banner, she had this to say:

Nearly 20 years ago when the writer came, a stranger to this city of friends, she was just beginning her literary career, which at that time could scarcely be called a career, in some of the Northern magazines. A few weeks after her arrival here she received her first message of encouragement, about an article which appeared in the New York Independent, from Dr. Henry Morgan, whom she did not know. But during the 13 years of her residence in this city she received a message of appreciation from Dr. Morgan whenever an article or story appeared. She was never ill that she did not have some token of his remembrance and encouragement. It is impossible to overestimate the effects of this good will and praise.

In 1912 she left Nashville and continued her work in another state, but receiving from time to time these radiant messages.

Two weeks ago she came to Nashville, and he was ill, she went one Sunday morning to call on him, and after so many years met for the first time the fine gentleman who had been her first friend in Tennessee to offer her encouragement. She then understood the grace and generosity for which she was so deeply indebted to him. Already the vision of another world was in his eyes. Already his face was freshening with the keen premonition of immortality. There were wing tracks in the air. But his heart was still the heart of a man and filled with love and interest for the world in which he lived and achieved. He talked with strange confidence and assurance of this world's future when other men's minds are full of fears. There was, in his conversation, the fragrance of celestial thoughts, a sublime assurance and hope in the fate of mankind which only comes to men who believe in God.

In the life of such a man death can only be an incident, and for those friends whom he earned with his kindness and service he still lives and abounds.

It occurred to us as we read the above description that the world is sadly in need of men like Dr. Morgan, men who have "confidence and assurance of this world's future when other men's minds are full of fears."

There is no greater need than optimism based on faith in the good that is in men, a faith in the ultimate triumph of right, and a belief that the world is moving toward its great destiny, guided by the unseen hand that has directed it through all the ages and brought it safely through every storm.

SERVICE

The Chamber of Commerce is manifesting a disposition to compel adequate service on the part of the Cumberland Telephone company.

The issue seems to be clear. Either there must be a decided improvement in the service within the next 60 days or the Chamber of Commerce will ask the city commissioners to see what relief can be obtained through the state utilities commission.

The report of the special investigator shows that the principal need of the company is for more operators. The operators are overburdened and compelled to work under a terrific strain. The company admits that it needs operators but cannot get them.

The report suggests that one way to remedy this trouble is for the company to pay the operators better wages. Until the operators are paid more than they can earn in department stores or in other work less exacting, there will continue to be a shortage of applications.

We are certain Mr. Flournoy is doing the best he can with conditions over which he has no control. Unless he is given authority to remedy the defects and spend the money necessary to produce better results, very little can be accomplished.

Some months ago when the former city administration generously agreed to advance the price to telephone subscribers the News-Scimitar felt impelled to resist, on the part of the people, this gratuity for which nothing was offered in return. While we were able to persuade the city commissioners to reverse themselves and deny the increase, when threatened with a referendum, the company was more successful before the utilities commission.

It is to be hoped that if it is necessary for the city administration to carry the complaint to the utilities commission, the commission will see to it that the service is improved or the rate reduced. As we understand it the increase was granted on the theory that service costs more, but so far the people have not gotten the service they were promised.

BOLSHEVISM'S WATERLOO

Bolshevism in Russia committed many blunders, but the worst seems to have been its open attack on religion, which it regards as its chief enemy. And it judged rightly, because religion has nothing in common with Bolshevism, and here is where the new wild-eyed doctrine met its Waterloo, or what will prove its ultimate defeat.

It started out by burning and destroying churches, torturing and murdering priests and profaning sacred places. Its early boast was that it was going to drive God out of the country, and so brutal and bloody did it become that the peasants, from whose ranks it had been drawing its chief strength, revolted and refused longer to remain with it.

Religion has a firm hold upon the hearts of the masses and any attempt to extirpate it by force will be resisted and resisted. It may take time, but time is to be had. Christ conquered the great Roman empire by peaceful methods, by turning the other cheek, by patience, long-suffering and martyrdom, and the Roman empire was stronger than Bolshevism. No matter how it spreads and accumulates force, the sword is no match for the cross. In modern times, when things are done in a hurry, the cross can also use the sword effectively. Bolshevism may succeed in socializing industry and bringing about changes, but it can not destroy ideas and convictions. No power on earth can do this. The apostles of chaos may come and go, but religion has found in the world a permanent abiding place and will remain. The history of the world shows that it grows and gains strength under persecution, and the more it is crushed the faster it grows and flourishes. In the final solution it will be found that religion represents order and tranquility and that it is the enemy of violence and hatred.

The Russian reds deported from the United States were given a great reception by the Russians. That should make the trip worth while. They got a warm reception and a hot send-off.

"Think two weeks before marrying," is the receipt given to prevent divorce. An unfeeling remedy would be to think two weeks before marrying and then not do it.

Surgeons have hit upon a plan for painless operations. This will be welcome news to the pocket book.



Public Discussion

BELGIUM.

To The News-Scimitar: I have just received from Mr. Frather S. McDonald a clipping of your article on Belgium, and I do not want to lose any time to tell you how great was the pleasure with which I read it and how much I appreciate your kind words. Yours sincerely, BARON DE CARTIER, Belgian Ambassador, Legation de Belgique, Washington.

ZIONISM.

To The News-Scimitar: At a meeting of the Memphis district of the Zionist organization of America last night a motion was carried instructing me to write a letter of thanks for the clearness and justice with which you portrayed Zionism in an editorial on that subject on Wednesday last week.

The Memphis district is proud that it was with and heard the broad vision on a subject which ordinarily is not clearly understood, and in behalf of the chairman and workers for the cause, please receive my fraternal thanks. Very truly yours, MISS MARY BLOCKMAN, Secretary.

ET TU BRUTE!

To The News-Scimitar: It was with interest that some of your readers perused the story in your issue of Jan. 21 concerning the proposed merger of the Southern Presbyterian church with the Southern Baptist church, that denomination, but it is not doubted that a single moment that it will be more or less speedily accomplished, for those who are engineering these church unions seem bent upon accomplishing their ends without regard for local interests, even the most sacred.

Under most distressing circumstances of a similar nature, the Southern Methodist church has looked with affectionate interest upon the Southern Baptist church as a final refuge, a spiritual home, founding their aid and hope upon the fact that the latter denomination has hitherto characterized that great body of Christians. But, alas, this lip in their hour of desperation, and they are forced to turn elsewhere, or, in the view of the great and good Bishop Hooper, to turn under their kindly stars.

A SOUTHERN METHODIST.

DOES IT PAY TO FEED HOGS?

To The News-Scimitar: The Somerville plantation, located one mile east of Somerville, Tenn., and owned by the James Alexander Construction company, of Memphis, not only breeds high-class Duroc hogs, but are extensive feeders. A car of 60 head had been ordered for the latter plantation, which was placed on the feed lot Nov. 15. Their selling weight Wednesday averaged 274 pounds, at 64 cents per pound for 64 days feeding.

Richard N. Crane, who is operating the farm, is a strong believer in the benefits of clean, fresh water for drinking. They have near one acre of pond at the present time. When interviewed as to what markets he contemplated using, he stated that Memphis with the short haul and splendid organization in the local yards, in his opinion would be the most profitable for the shippers of the territory. He has a number of "chocks of Kansas City markets. This car of hogs not only topped Wednesday's market, but brought the best price ever paid for a straight car of hogs.

Kenneth M. Gibson, who bought the hogs, stated that the substandard price obtained was due to the fact that the hogs were unusually well finished and consisted of open gilts and barrows, that while pure bred, were by the shippers not considered good enough for breeding purposes. Farmers can not afford to use scrub breeding stock, using males, as pure breeds not only are uniform in size, shape and color, but make more economical gains on the feed used.

SOMEVILLE PLANTATION.

CAPTURE 7 GALLONS OF WHITE LIGHTNING

GREENWOOD MISS., Jan. 23. (Sp.)—A city police captured about seven gallons of "white lightning" from a man named John Johnson, negro, who lives in New Town, on West Church street. The liquor had just been delivered to the home of Corbelle and they made a quick trip to her house, discovering it. The beverage was contained in glass jars placed inside of a tin box. One had practically been opened.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. Are the salaries of public officials exempt from income tax?

A. E. C. C. Salaries of officers and employees of a state, county or municipal government are exempt from taxation. The exemption does not extend to federal employees and employees of the government of the District of Columbia.

Q. How did Joliet, Ill., get its name?

A. M. C. M. That city is named after Louis Joliet, a seventeenth century French-Canadian explorer of the Mississippi.

Q. Can a patient with a doctor's prescription obtain brandy?

A. E. E. A. The Internal Revenue bureau says that a patient having a prescription for a certain quantity of brandy for medicinal purposes should have no difficulty in procuring it from a drug store. If the brandy cannot be obtained locally, the patient should communicate with the commissioning agent, located in Washington, D. C., who may be able to tell him where it can be obtained.

Q. Did France give her soldiers a bonus?

A. M. F. Q. When demobilized each French soldier received 250 francs, or about \$25. In addition to the above bonus each soldier received 20 francs for each month spent in front line trenches over and above the required term of three months military service. The bonus for each month spent back of the lines.

Q. What are the qualifications for a woman to take on England?

A. E. W. A. Every woman over 16 years of age and occupying each month a rental value of not less than five pounds, or must be the wife of a husband entitled to be registered. There is also a university franchise which allows a woman of age and women 30 years of age, who have taken a degree.

Q. What became of the Mayflower?

A. M. S. W. The vessel was much used in transporting immigrants to New America. It was eventually broken up and what eventually became of it is not recorded in history.

Q. Does Uncle Sam get the profit on postage stamp vending machines?

A. P. S. The postoffice department says that the owners of the stamp vending machine are entitled to the profit made in selling stamps in that way.

Q. If Gen. March, chief of staff, is discharged, what will be the reaction in his salary?

A. F. W. G. It is thus rumored that his base pay will be cut from \$20,000 to \$10,000 per year.

Q. What is the meaning of "R. S. V. P."?

A. C. N. A. These letters stand for "Répondre à vos lettres." This is a French expression, meaning, "Respond, if you please."

Q. Is it true that the late Ex-President Roosevelt rode a hundred million on horseback in a single day?

A. R. T. E. In February, 1907, the late President Roosevelt rode 98 miles on horseback in the 12 hours between day and night, making the trip from Washington to Watrous and return. Three horses were used.

Q. What does N. C. mean in connection with the names of airplanes?

A. M. L. M. The letters N. C. stand for "Navy Curtiss," meaning that the airplanes were Curtiss machines and in the Navy's service.

Q. Which religion has the greatest number of converts?

A. B. S. It is estimated that there are 40,000,000 Buddhists, 30,000,000 Christians, 20,000,000 Mohammedans, 10,000,000 Hindus, 10,000,000 Sikhs, 10,000,000 Jains, 10,000,000 Zoroastrians and 10,000,000 others.

Q. How can the life of an ant flower be kept in water, he brightened?

A. B. S. The length of time an ant flower can be kept in water is prolonged by putting a little salt in the water in which they are kept.

Q. I need to go to school with a Sam A. Wilson in Garden township, Marion county, Ohio, what is a strong reason for the proposal? Was his a relative?

A. M. L. M. The White House informed us that Sam A. Wilson is a cousin of the president and that he lives in Garden township, Penn.

Q. Is the report true that among the terms of the settlement of the American peace commission in Paris was one for \$100,000,000 for intoxicating liquors?

A. M. H. The state department says that the report that a bill for a large sum of money was presented to the state department in Paris for intoxicating liquors is absolutely without foundation.

Q. Any reader can get the answer to any question by writing The News-Scimitar, 100 North Main, Memphis, Tenn.

Q. Write your question plainly and briefly. Give full name and address and include two-cent stamp for return postage. All replies are sent direct to the inquirer.

THE HASKIN LETTER

THEY STILL MARRY

BY FREDERIC J. HASKIN.

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—After reading so much radical literature on the abolition of holy matrimony, as well as the latest divorce statistics, it is a shock to find so many people still doing it. Getting married, that is, not reading. The shock may be pleasant, or it may be disagreeable according to your own cherished convictions, but it is a shock. Instead of losing prestige by the heavy accumulation of evidence against matrimony, matrimony appears to be rapidly gaining in popularity. Last year was a banner year for love in New York. Over 40,000 couples obtained marriage licenses from the marriage bureau in the city hall, which was an increase of 11 per cent over the year before, and of these some 14,000 did not even stop to get the license, but were married right there in the marriage chapel. And this, too, is the fact that New York throws a few more difficulties in the way of marriage—at least for the poor.

There is no doubt that the license bureau can buy a marriage license with greater ease than he can buy one for his automobile. All he has to do is ask for it, pay the price, and he has it. Or, if he happens to be busy, he can rush into the clerk's office at the city hall and get it, or the bride may even phone her name and the license mailed to her or sent out by special messenger.

But in New York it is different. Here both parties to the fatal fatality must appear in person, together with their attorneys, and together swear that the statements written down are true. No candidate who is married, or who is rich or poor, good or indifferent, can escape this bit of red tape, and the bride must appear in person and make out her half of the application the same as the bride from Missouri.

Another difficulty in the path of matrimony in New York is the city clerk. No candidate who is married, or who is rich or poor, good or indifferent, can escape this bit of red tape, and the bride must appear in person and make out her half of the application the same as the bride from Missouri.

The marriage chapel itself is a little more pleasing, with a gaily decorated ceiling, a red-carpeted platform in place of a pulpit, and several potted plants and flowers. The atmosphere is festive and cheerful, and the bride and groom are seated on either side of the altar. There are attendants to answer questions, and since at least 90 per cent of the couples are foreigners, interpreters for their benefit.

Upon receiving the license, many of these couples quietly exit and take the elevator to the third floor. Here they sit on a long bench in a rather dreary room, waiting for their turn to be married. The marriage bureau is a busy place, and the couples are waiting for their turn to be married.

Mr. Cruise, who does most of the marrying, is the same sort of a genial fellow as Mr. Scully, and usually he is able to mitigate the terrible solemnity of the occasion by a jest. Occasionally he is surprised to find a bridegroom who has come into the affair in a merry frame of mind.

"Is this the first time?" asked Mr. Cruise of a young man who had just been married. "The first time today, sir."

Mr. Cruise provides one of the cheapest wedding parties in the city, which may account for its great and enduring popularity. The whole ceremony, including the license and everything, costs only \$5. This explains why so many people come to New York to be married. It is the most economical way. It may even explain why so many get married at all. So few people can resist a bargain.

DANIELS TAKES ISSUE WITH "PEERLESS LEADER"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Secretary Daniels today took issue with William Jennings Bryan, who has stated in public addresses that Chairman Cummings, of the National Democratic committee, either should disassociate himself from Gov. Edwards, of New Jersey, who was elected on a war platform, or resign the national committee chairmanship.

Mr. Cummings attended the governor's inaugural dinner, with an Edwards presidential nomination boom was launched, and in reply to Mr. Bryan said, "I was present only as a 'neutral'."

Mr. Daniels said he had read Gov. Edwards' platform with great deal of interest and had found "at least 30 per cent of it" excellent and agreeing with his own. He said he was in sympathy with the best principles of the Democratic platform, but that the national committee should not be allowed to overshadow the great goal in the remainder of the government's platform.

DR. LLOYD TALKS TO TATE COUNTY FARMERS

SENATOBIA, Miss., Jan. 23. (Sp.)—County Agent F. A. New, assisted by C. L. McNeil and F. A. Berlin of the Agricultural college and Prof. I. G. Allen, county superintendent of education, have arranged a series of community club meetings for the week covering the entire county. The meeting at Senatobia today was attended by three hundred people of the community.

Dr. E. R. Lloyd of the Memphis farm bureau was present and delivered a lecture on the benefits of co-operative work among farmers. The board of supervisors will consider the re-employment of home economics agent at the February meeting.

Ye Editor Nods

Jolts and Jest

Slipped Past The Blue Pencil

TRIUMPHAL ARCH. Arched eyebrows only will greet William Jennings Bryan at Monroe and Main when he arrives in Memphis to open the grand old Sunday.

THE PLOT THICKENS. Editors and writers arising before dawn are cautioned not to order mackerel if they have to eat in the dark when the lights go out.

ZODIACAL. The sign "Pisces" in the ascendant on Friday would be accompanied with a contingent of courtiers.

DULL BLACK IS NOW THE PROPER HAIR DYE. Probably in conformity to the universal mourning for that old gen. John Wood on Jan. 16, red-headed bootleg queens in the court cards now are turning to a dead black pigment in the use of dyes for the hair—a glory.

WHAT'S IN A NAME? BY MILDRED MARSHALL. Facts about your name, its history, its meaning, your lucky day and lucky jewel.

JANE. The quaint, old-fashioned name of Jane has two equivalents—Joan and Jenny. Or, if you prefer, their numerous names, both masculine and feminine, that comes from John and his derivatives, and which are their names in the court cards now are turning to a dead black pigment in the use of dyes for the hair—a glory.

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